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THE PEARL RIVER BAPTIST

ASSOCIATION



---HELD WITH---

White Bluff Baptist Church Marion County, Miss. AUGUST 28 and 29, 1918.

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

T. D. Cox, Chairman.			C. T	Γ. €	armichael,	Secretary
	J. I	. Cooper,	Treasure	er.		

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### NEXT MEETING

Time-Wednesday before Third Sunday in September, 1919.

Place—Oloh. (About twelve miles east of Columbia).

Preacher—Rev. L. H. Harper. Alternate—Rev.fl J. L. Watts, Jr.,

The percentage base for the distribution of gifts of the churches which are using the BUDGET SYSTEM of financing our church work is as follows:

State Missions 23%, Foreign Missions 23%, Home Missions 18%, Christian Education 17½%, Orphanage 11%, Hospital 06%, Old Ministers 1½%, Forward your contribution to J. B. Lawrence, Jackson, Miss., monthly. State: For Budget of Church, Pearl River Association.

### MINUTES

The Pearl River Association convened in its Ninety-Ninth Annual Session with White Bluff church at 10:30 a.m., August 28, 1918. After the congregation had sung "Revive Us Again," the Moderator appointed O. G. May temporary clerk.

Rev. H. C. Clarke read the first Psalm, and Rev. T. J. Moore led in prayer, following which Bro. Clarke made an inspriational talk from the teaching of the passage concerning the beauties of a Christian life.

After devotional exercises the Moderator, Rev. T. D. Cox, called for the enrollment of delegates.

They were enrolled as follows:

Antioch—J. F. Spence, A. S. Forbes.

Bunker Hill-J. C. Holmes, J. J. Grice, G. C. Cox.

Cedar Grove-E. R. Applewhite, Robert Pope.

Columbia-Rev. W. M. Costick, W. L. Simmons, S. H. Pope.

Edna-T. J. White, J. I. Cooper, Miss Leone Cooper.

Goss-Clarke Robertson, Reese Fortenbery.

Holy Springs-Walter Bracy, Miss Letha Lowe.

### Hurricane Creek-

Improve—J. S. Singley, Rev. J. L. Watts.

Kokomo-W. O. Sharp, J. O. Morris.

Little River—Miss Pearl Fortinbery.

officers, resulting as follows:

Rev. T. D. Cox was re-elected moderator.

C. T. Carmichael was elected clerk.

J. I. Cooper was re-elected treasurer.

The following messengers were enrolled:

Dr. J. L. Johnson, representative of Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

T. J. Moore, Enlistment Worker of State Mission Board.

E. C. Bennett, Walthal County Association.

H. C. Clarke, Mississippi College.

John W. Langston, Lawrence County Association.

Rev. W. W. Kyzar preached the Associational Sermon. The text was Acts 16:9. "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night time. There was a man of Macedonia standing, beseeching him, and saying, 'Come over into Macedonia, and help us'."

Subject: The World's Call For the Gospel.

The outline: The Spirit of Sympathy; The Spirit of Service; The Spirit of Sacrifice.

After the sermon the congregation adjourned for refreshments, to meet at 2 o'clock, p. m.

### Afternoon Session.

After a song service prayer was offered by C. T. Carhichael. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Digest of Letters—O. G. May; Finance Committee—E. R. Applewhite, J. C. Holmes to serve with the treasurer.

In the absence of the report, the subject of Publications was appounced for discussion, and Rev. T. J. Moore, Rev. C. T. Carmichael, Rev. W. W. Kyzar, Rev. H. C. Clarke, Robert Pope, O. G. May and Rev. T. D. Cox addressed the audience on the subject.

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Report on Hospitals, by L. H. Harper, T. J. Moore, and

adopted.

The Appointment Committee was appointed by the Moderator, as follows: Antioch—J. F. Spence; Bunker Hill—J. J. Grice; Cedar Grove—Robert Pope; Edna T. J. White; Goss—Clarke Robertson; Holy Springs—Miss Letha Lowe; Clear Creek—W. E. Davis; Improve—J. S. Singley; Kokomo—J. O. Morris; Little River—Miss Pearl Fortenbery; Morgantown—D. W. Dunaway; New Hope—E. J. Pittmon; Ohlo—S. S. Baggett; Shiloh—W. H. Hunt; West Columbia—J. T. Graham; White Bluff—Claude May; Sandy Hook—J. M. Forbes.

The Entertainment Committee announced the assignment of homes for the messengers, and delegates.

The Association then adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Thursday A. M.

Thursday Morning Session.

On Thursday morning at 9 o'clock the Association assembled and sang praise hymns and prayer was led by Rev. J. L. Watts.

On motion passed, a committee was appointed by the Moderator, Rev. T. D. Cox, to draft resolutions to the President of the United States and the War Department, in protest to the order by the War Department of the said United States, removing camp pastors from the army cantonments. The committee was appointed as follows: Rev. L. H. Harper, Rev. W. M. Bostick, Rev. J. L. Watts and Rev. C. T. Carmichael.

Report on Ministerial Education, by H. C. Clarke and Rev. W. M. Bostick continued the discussion. The report was adopted.

Report on Woman's Work of Bunker Hill church, and also the Associational Report was read by Rev. T. D. Cox, and the reports was tabled for future discussion.

The report on Church Discipline was read and discussion began by G. C. Cox, Robert Pope, O. G. May, C. T. Carmichael and

J. M. Carter and adopted.

The Temperance (Prohibition) report was read by W. M. Roy, and the discussion continued by Rev. L. H. Harper, T. J. Moore, Rev. H. C. Clarke and adopted.

The report on Orphanage was read by Robert Pope, and the subject addressed by Rev. J. R. Carter, after which an offering of \$154.73 was made by the Association.

The Mission reports were called for and read as follows: Home Missions, by O. G. May; Foreign Missions by C. T. Carmichael, and the audeince was addressed upon the subject of the days as the Charles obligations to Challe as His Great Comman theat, and adopted.

The Association then adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. Thursday Afternoon Session.

After a worshipful song service prayer was offered by E. R. Appl. white leading.

Miss Jennie Walts made some brief statements as to the work of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Association and submitted a report of recommendations of appointments of leaders for year 1918 and 1919 as follows:

Vic. President Woman's Work-Mrs. T. D. Cox. Secretary of Woman's Work-Mrs. I. A. Shelby.

Young Woman's Auxiliary Leader—Miss Neva Morris. Girl's Auxiliary Leader—Mrs. S. J. Hathorn.

Royal Ambassador's Leader—Miss Letha Lowe.

Sunbeams-Mrs. Mary Bennett.

Enlistment Committee—Mrs. Ella Wheat, Kokomo; Mrs. Lillian Willoughby, Foxworth; Mrs. Emma Fortenbery, Columbia; Mrs. Thos. Fortenbery, R. F. D. Columbia.

Our women also asked for a general representation of ladies of the various churches and a special day at the Association in 1919, and they are promised they are to have their request for that day. One of the lady state workers will be asked to be present at the meeting.

Miss Ella Wheat made an interesting talk to the Association, emphasizing the necessity of co-operation in the Woman's Work by inspirational sermons and in assistance in organizing and directing their plans and undertakings for Christianity by the pastors.

The report of Woman's Missionary Society and the report of Recommendations was approved

In the absence of the report on Sunday Schools the subject was offered for talks, and Brother Robert Pope was requested to speak, and was followed by C. T. Carmichael, Rev. H. C. Clarke and Rev. T. J. Moore.

Layman's work report was read and followed by addresses by S. H. Pope, Rev. W. M. Bostick and Rev. T. J. Moore, and adopted.

The report on Digest of Letters was read by O. G. May, and the Association requested certain amendments to be made by the clerk, and adopted.

The report on Obituaries was read by S. S. Baggett and

Rev. J. L. Watts was elected as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Rev. C. T. Carmichael as alternate. Whereupon the subject of

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The report on Apportionment was read by S. H. Pope and adopted; also the report on Nominations was read by Rev. W. M. Bostick, and adopted.

A resolution in protest to the President of the United States, and the War Department, as to an order dismissing camp pastors in the various cantonments and training stations of United States soldiers, was read by the Chairman of the committee appointed to draw up the same, and was adopted by the Association.

Rev. L. H. Harper, S. H. Pope, Robert Pope, G. C. Cox, Rev. T. D. Cox and Miss Ella Wheat were elected delegates to the
Baptist State Convention to meet at Meridian.

A resolution was presented by Rev. W. M. Bostick and adopted which read as follows:

RESOLVED. It be the sense of the delegates of this Association to express to the people of White Bluff our hearty appreciation of their hospitality.

W. M. BOSTICK.

A motion also was passed by vote of the Association that the clerk draw on the treasurer for \$15.00 for his salary and also for the expense of the publishing an ddistribution of the Minutes.

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A motion was also passed that the base percentage of the Budget System adopted by many of the churches be given on the fly-leaf of the Minutes.

The report of the finance committee was read and adopted.

A motion passed to refer the approval of the minutes to the Executive Committee of the Association. The Association then adjourned.

The audience then sang "God Be With You," and Rev. T. J. Moore led a closing prayer.

REV. T. D. COX, Moderator, C. T. CARMICHAEL, Clerk.

### OUR DENOMINATIONAL COLLEGES.

The history of Baptists in America furnishes holy prize. They have always been in the front rank in education. Their annals contain the names of many pioneers in matters of high education for the masses in this country. Baptists, loyal supporters of

public education, have always been strong advocates of Christian and denominational education. They are now under Baptist control approximately two hundred and eleven schools, colleges and eminaries, with buildings an dequipment valued at forty-one milson dollars; endowments amounting to thirty-nine million dollars; and enrollment of fifty-five thousand students. This puts us as a denominational ylaframh Pbuy, ETAOIN12345678908 tenomination far in the lead of any evangelical denomination in America. We may say that as to our past history in education, we, as a denomination, take high standing in the world.

We congratulate the officials now in charge of our colleges in Mississippi upon the excellent a tendance enrolled this year despite the fact that thousands of our young men are signing their lives away to carry this world war to a victorious and glorious confusion. The agitation and againy in America's soul has been felt in the very lives and soul of all our institutions.

The greatest problem Baptists are fronting today is that of their schools. And this problem is intensified by the world changes taking place almost hourly. We believe that our churches and colleges mus, properly adjust themselves to these changes. We must educate so as to enter the whole range of life—physical, political, economic, social, intellectual, moral and religious. Christianity alone can furnish such education. To this end the membership of the churches must be intelligent, thoughtful, unselfish world citizens, with world visions, educated for world fiving, ashamed not to think in world terms, in terms of humanity. And our churches have no other source of intelligence to which to look than our denominational schools and colleges.

There are some serious points of weakness among us at preschifters generally, or they are not worthy of our support. There is not which should be revealed and remedied. We fear that we as denomination have been slow to apprehend that it requires much making larger requirements of our colleges and failing to make our sifts commensuary with the requirements. Competition is greater, the equipment essential to do standard college work is more extensive and the cost of maintaining strong efficient faculties more than doubled. We are upon a time when we must equip our colleges in a way that becomes Baptist and make it possible for our boys and girls and young men and women to get anything in them that they may get in state schools, "and then some," or go out of business

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principles, Baptist history and Baptist obligations.

Our educational program must be enlarged. Too long we have under-emphasized the importance of Christian education. The spirit and measure of our attack upon the tares of furnishing denominational education to our own people has been weak, and in many instances puerile. Our schools, every one of them are the embodiment of crying needs. And as has been suggested by the chairman of education commission: "Education and missions should be given equal recognition, so that the great commission may be fulfilled and Christian education advanced to the dignity of a doctrine." With contributions aggregating more than onehundred and three thousand dollars for missions and less than eighteen thousand dollars for education we cannot claim to be addressing ourselves to this brighter kigdom business as we should. The general patronage of our colleges by our people and the moral and interested support of our colleges by them are not worthy of us as a great people and do not indicate the seriousness and abandon that should characterize our attaock upon a task so vital and meanful to us as a people. There cn be no doubt that there are more Baptist boys and girls, men and women in other denominational schools and in the state schools in Mississippi than in all our Baptist colleges in the state. We would throw ourselves vigorously into the program presented by the education commission, urging all of our educational agencies, pastors, Sunday school, W. M. U.'s, B. Y. P. U.'s to give themselves prayerfully and unselfishly in carrying out this program.

To accomplish the end we have indicated, and in order to carry out the program set forth by the educational commission, we

are firmly convinced that we must make our colleges more and more great spiritual centers, that the Bible shall be given a large place in the whole of college life, that we must keep aggressive life flowing through all our educational channels.

We would orge that all Baptists put forth their best effort in encouraging young men and women to attend our colleges.

Further, we would insist that every church of the association has releved co-operate with the Educational commission in carrying out its program for Christian Education.

### Recommendations.

We would recommend that, whereas the Woman's College, having outgrown their quarters and having been forced to turn away ten young women for tack of room, therefore, we recommend that the Education Commission provide, as soon as possible, a new dormitory to meet the pressing need of this institution.

Second recommendation. We recommend that our pasters and churches give ministerial education new emphasis, and more and in re magnify the importance of an educated ministry.

Thirdly, Because of a long, unselfish and sacrificial service of members of the faculty of Mississippi College, these men having served for years at a great personal loss and often not even receiving in full even their meagre salaries, and recognizing that at best it would be only a few short years before their service shall end, we, your committee feel that the denomination has neglected too long the matter of providing a pension for their support in their declining years. We therefore, recommend that the Board of Trustees be authorized and hereby instructed to provide a pension for such retiring members.

Recommendations on the Baptist Bible Training School, New Orleans. We hearlily incorporate in this report the following recommendations on our Bible Training School located in New Orleans, Louisiana:

First—That the convention, at each annual meeting elect three Mississippi Baptists to serve on the Board of Trustees of the aptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La.

Second—That we heartily endorse the purchase of the historic Sophic Newcomb College property as the permanent home of the institute, and that we urge our pastors and churches to an immediate and generous response to the appeal of the directors, of the President of the institute or other representatives to raise fifteen thousand dollars from Louisiana and Mississippi with which complete the payment of twenty thousand dollars, which is necessary to secure a deed to the property.

Third-That the Students' Fund of the Institute be incor-

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similar funds in our other institutions.

Fourth-That our churches, women societies, Sunday schools, and individuals be encouraged to furnish rooms in the institute, the same to perpetuate the names of the donors, the amount necessary for such equipment being about fifty dollars per room.

Fifth-That the State Board of Mississippi provide one thou-

sand dollars to meet current expenses this year.

Important Message an dGreeting

From the Executive Committee of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

T) the Pearl River District Baptist Association:

Dear Friends:

We are instructed by our executive committee to write you as fololws:

The action of the Southern Baptist Convention and the W. M. U. at the last session in Hot Springs, Arkansas, is generally believed to be epoch making in our Baptist Educational work.

We have at last realized that we are face to face with the necessity of sending more of our children to high school, and on to college, or fail to do our part in furnishing leaders in church and The convention endorsed a program calling for 35,000 students in our own schools and \$15,000,000 for proper equipment in the next five years. Only by co-operative effort can this be done.

In additio nto reaching our goal of 21 standard colleges in the South, we must give larger attention to our junior colleges and

preparatory schools.

We have not furnished our quota of Chaplains or Y. M. C. A. workers yet already there i san alarming scarcity of pastors. We sadly need more trained workers, both in the pulpit and in the pew. For these we cannot depend on other than our Baptist schools.

President Wilson, Secretary of War, Baker, and United States Commissioner Claxton, who are in position to know the war needs, urge that our schools and colleges be kept open and operating at full capacity in order that we may avoid the mistake made by England and France.

To the end that the home base may be strengthened and thatrighteousness and justice may be made first possible and then permanent in all the earth, your co-operation is desired to the extent of adopting the following as a part of your report on Christian Education.

1. We approve of the Southern Baptist Convention Fiveyear Educational program.

- We pledge our co-operation and loyalty to the schools of our state convention.
- 3. We urge Baptist parents to send their children to school in larger numbers that we may furnish the necessary trained leaders in all war work, if the war must go on, and leaders in peace,
- 4. We approve the plan of a debt paying campaign in our Southern states where debts exist on Baptist school property. This campaign is to be had this fall in connection with the Liberty Loan drive by a plan that meets the favor of those in charge of the war Fraternally yours,

J. W. CAMMACK, Secretary,

R. W. WEAVER, Chairman, Nashville, Tenn.

Richmond, Va.

Pastoral Support.

Almost one hundred years the churches constituting the Pearl River Association have been making reports on church history and activity. Almost one hundred years they have been planning and organizing that Christ's Kingdom might be advanced at bome and abroad; and as a result of these plans and organized efforts wonderful progress has been made. Churches have gone from quarter time to half time, and from half time to full time; churches that were once fostered by the State Board have become self sustaining and many are now helping others; from a very few churches scattered over the country there is at this time a Baptist church within easy reach of almost every family in the

In all the reports the importance of the church and its institutions have been emphasized, its power and influence being recognized as the greatest factor for good in any community, the foundation of all that is good and worth while. have been made and this progress become a fact through the indomitable courage, the incessant effort and the self sacrificing spirit of men of God who have been called into His ministry. Men who have sacrificed business and business ability and opportunity and have gone out, sometimes under very unfavorable conditions, to preach the gospel. It is to these men that we look for leadership, to them we turn for direction in every reform movement, however unpopular it may be because of some peculiar condition in society; it is in them we expect to always find an attitude which is meant to have a good effect in uncovering and revealing degeneracy and arresting anything which even has a tendency towards that which will mar the decency and dignity of the community. It

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is in them that we expect to find a veritable watchman on Zion, no tonly knowing the enemy but acquainted with all his camou-flages as well and to warn of his approach and the manner of the approach. It is on them we depend to command all the forces of the church, to marry our sons and daughters, to bury our dead, to advise us in or hodoxy, to visit us when sick, to see that we are ministered unto when in need, and many things too numerous to mention here. Again we call attention to the relationship of the church to its pastor, and we ask the question, "have we been as faithful to him as he has been to us? After a century of theorizing it is time to become practical about this matter and begin now to render them, both the financial and moral support due them.

Respectfully sabmitted,

W. L. SIMMONS.

### REPORT ON HOSPITALS.

The denominational hospital is no longer an experiment, it is here to stay.

The Christian's work is not complete until he has done everything possible not only to save the soul but to heal the body as

The Savior, while on earth, never failed to minister to the suffering. We find Him healing the sick and giving sight to the

Then without saying if we are to follow the Savior's teachings we must not fail to provide for this part of the work.

Our hospital at Jackson, Miss., is doing a wonderful work and must have the support of the denomination. The work done there has met with great success. Those in charge are Christian men and women and never fail to speak a word of cheer and comfort to those who come there for treatment. No church should fail to do its part in supporting the hospital.

In making up our budget we must not fail to put this work in and then be sure that we collect this part as same as the other missions for this is indeed a mission.

The prices charged at the Baptist hospital are generally lower than at other places and no one is ever turned away because he has not the money. Many patients are treated from time to time tree of all charges.

If your people all over the country will rally to and support the hospitals as they should their worth to the Kingdom will be increased and much more good may be done to suffering humanity.

May we not work more, give and pray more that our hospital

may become a greater such saving factor in the future than it has been in the past.

## PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Those who teach must first learn. He who would not be a blind guide spiritually must be disciplined in the things of religion. The great masses of our people are not satisfied with a mere make shift of preacher because they themselves are cultured and trained and in order that the preacher's work be the most effective he must have education in common with them.

Again world wide missions are causing our Baptist preaches and others to go into the uttermost parts of the earth to teach the great things of the Kingdom of God and those missionaries tell us that it is the height of folly to send untrained people to the foreign fields. There must be education and training or the religious influence of those sent is greatly hampered or perhaps entirely cut off. Furthermore the traditions and literature of all the past demonstrate the fact over and over that the trained mind in any vocation or avocation excels in activity the untrained.

Now all these things being true, we all realize that our preachers must be prepared for world wide conquest. God has not given the would-be preacher a trained mind, but He has given him the latent undeveloped faculties. Paul has said: "Sutdy to shew thyself approved unto God. A workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Paul knew the values of a trained mind, for he himself had one. Paul has also said: "How can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach except they be sent?"

The colleges that are of especial aid in this work in Mississippi are, Mississippi College at Clnton, and Calrk Memoral College at Newton.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky, and the Southern Meminary at Fort Worth, Texas, are especially designed as training camps for our preachers.

The Baptists of the state own certain buildings at Clinton, used by ministereal students and controlled by the "Board of Ministerial Education" that must be kept up and the insurance paid on the same. Also there are a number of students each year at both Clark Memorial Colfege and Mississippi College who could not remain in school if it were not for some help by the Baptists of our state. Likewise, both seminaries need some help each year. Therefore, we your committee recommend that each church in the Pearl River Association each year take a collection for this worthy and great cause.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. CLARK, Committee.

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ever since the world began; but we believe that her power has never been felt more than today. Like Joan of Arc, she feels a call to do her part in the army to save her people from disgrace and ruin.

The Red Cross work could scarcely go without the women. So the family, the school, the church and any and every thing.

We all can see the wisdom of God in that He said "It was not good for man to be alone."

God had a place in the early churches for women and it has never been taken away. God is using our women in evangelizing the world and developing religious organizations as much as or more than at any time in the world's history.

Let's see something of the progress our women have made in their work in Mississippi in the last few years: 20 years ago the women in their organized work, contributed \$5,795.66. Last year they reported to the State Convention at Halzehurst a grand total of \$80,329.96. This we see is an increase of nearly \$4,000 per year for the 20 years. This ought to inspire, not only the women, but also the men to do more for the Master than ever.

To do this we would recommend: First—that each church in the Pearl River Association have a mission society. Second—that in these societies we organize mission study classes that we may learn more about the work. Third—that we have rally days in our churches. Fourth—that we send some of our best members to the different associations and conventions that they may be the better fitted for leaders. Fifth—that we can and may, send our girls to one of our training schools.

MRS. T. D. COX.

Report of the Ladies' Missionary Society of Bunker Hill church to the Ladies' Meeting When-Held in White Bluff, August 29, 1918.

Our society is composed of twenty-one members and have as our president Mrs. Nancy Herrington; Secretary Mrs. Bulah Thompson, and Mrs. Florence McNeese as treasurer.

We have an active society, but we have not been meeting regularly for some weeks as our president has been sick.

MRS. BULAH THOMPSON, Secretary.

Societies represented from churches: Kokomo, Columbia and Edna.

### CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

Discipline is very necessary in all institutions. Our schools, our colleges, our army training camps and all institutions of every kind all need and must have good discipline to do the most good.

Even in the home, good discipline is very necessary, for in the home the lives of our men and women are first shaped. When our young members come into our churches we should give them the right training by living the right kind of lives before them that would cause them to be led and trained in the way that would make them useful members. I fear that all our churches are sometimes slack in their dealings with the members. Some get cold and indifferent. We should do all we can to get them to see their duty and to do it. Withdrawing of fellowship should be the last resort. When a member gets out of order we should do all wo our power to get them to see their mistake and to do their full dray again.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. COX.

Until the end o ftime Christianity will always, as it has hathe past, stand for temperance.

When time shall have ended, the saints shall then rest in eternal triumph in the eternal temperance home of God's glory.

The grace of God in Jesus Christ that bringeth salvation has in it, through the wonderful wisdom of God, the spirit of temperance, and soberness in all things.

Moral intelligence demands abstinence from all intoxicants, because they detract force physically and spiritually from all of man's faculties. Intemperance destroys the possibilities of man's freater moral and spiritual achievements. The scripture saith that no drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven.

Temperance demands that men shall deny ungodliness and worldly lusts which war against the soul. It demands that we avoid all forms of sin. For sin in all its forms inevitably in misery and despair.

God's saints are the only advocates who have ever contended, o rever will earnestly contend, for the ilberation of captives bound by the fetters of sin by spiritual subversion of the souls of men in eternal depravity.

In waging the war of righteous living we are glad to note the! God has blessed His people to the overcoming in a very satisfactory degree, the great national enemy of the world—intoxicating higheromo, Columbia and

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While we are awaiting by doing our part for national prohibition, let us not lose sight that the tiger is still blind to right living, and runs his moon-dark distilery, if we only permit him to take his secluded haunt. Therefore, brethren, keep your eye on him in daylight and in the dark.

He constantly lurks around you, to tear down virtue, break peace, destroy property, meanace civilization and murder the innocent. So we anxiously await the happy hour when intoxicating liquors will be no longer a grave nuisance.

A number of states have already adopted the national constitutional amendment to give us national prohibition.

While we are striving against the whiskey and drugs, with their classes of evils, we will also be wise to take a step more, and protect our boys from the deadly peril of the cigarette habit, which is so lamentably destroying the vitality and usefulness of thousands of our young men. If we are to do it we must protect and teach the little boys to save them from the temptations of the cigarette habit. We must make their environments and social conditions in home life and school free from tobacco slavery by teaching and practice.

Submitted,

W. M. ROY.

### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The work of caring for the helpless is genuinely humanitarian and thoroughly scriptural.

Our Savior approves this in the case of the man who fell among thieves and said to His enquirer, "Go thou and do likewise." He enjoined upon His people over and over again to care for the poor and needy and accompanies the injunction with many encouraging promises.

Our state is doing a great work in caring for the helpless and worn out soldier, at Beauvoir, and for the mentally incapable; for the blind and the deaf and dumb.

Our people, as a matter of philanthropy, are going a great work in maintaining a home for the old and helpless women for the old and dependent men; their purpose being to make their last days comfortable until God shall call them hence.

This work is glorious and lain sure is well pleasing to Him who spent so much time in relieving suffering humanity, but our orphanage work in comparison with this stands out supreme. It not only undertakes to relieve suffering but it takes the orphanchild in its helpless condition and gives it food and clothing, care and training and supplies as far as possible what it has lost n its home and parents.

It furnshes opportunity for proper physical, and moral development and mental and industrial training that will fit them to be bread-winners and good citizens and for useful lives.

We have now in the home 150 children that must be clothed, fed and trained.

We learn from our superintendent that they have this year, passed through seiges of measles, mumps and whooping caugh and have had fourteen operations for appendicitis but that our children came through it all safely and are now sound and well. We do not want to forget our orphan children during the war times. It is costing much more to feed and clothe them now than in normal times.

We recommend that a cash collection be taken at this association to tide them over the dry months and that our Sunday schools take monthly collections for the orphanage, and that during the month of November all our churches make contributions. We also recommend that contributions of food supplies of all kinds; boxes of clothing, soap, pins, needles, towels, sheets, pilolw cases, shoes, hose and other things that need be sent to the Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Miss.

Bro. Carter says don't forget the molasses, cured meat, flour, sugar, lard and canned goods of all kinds.

ROBERT POPE, Chairman.

It is with deep gratitude to God that we have closed the past conventional year with marks of progress in our Home Mission work.

There has been the greatest co-operation ever manifested before by the various agencies and constituency of Southern Baptists. Many of our people have been lifted out of their indifference, receive a great vision, and had their lives adjusted to larger things for Christ, and are set to laboring that His kingdom may gather its fullness at our Lord's coming.

This is shown by the fact that the entire territory of the Southern Baptist Convention made material gains to the support of our mission work.

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But during April and early May the brethren came so strongly to the relief of the Board that there was a small credit above current expenses.

The total contribution to Home Missions the past year was 583,990. Fifteen years ago we received \$125,000. The rate of increase is a total of 450 per cent.

Fifteen years ago we reported 7,500 Baptisms, this year nearly 31,000, in increase of near 400 per cent.

It is gratifying that in the face of the strenuousness of war innes, that Southern Baptists increased their gifts nearly \$200,000.

While we have been much encouraged by the past year's stowth, there have at the same time come tremendous responsibilities to us which demand greater giving to Home Missions than ever before.

The world war has brought to us new conditions staggering perplexities which must be met squarely with the gospel. The great encampments of soldiers and the great shipbuilding plants along our coast from Baltimore to Galveston and the great nitrate plant of Muscle Shoals, Ala., and the great amunition plant in Tennessee, where in this plant alone the government is spending more than sixty mallion dollars, is concentrating hundreds of thousands of people to engage in the affairs that are required for a necessary support and carrying on the war. If Baptists do not do their part by preaching them Christ, it means that thousands must die in evertasting dispair. Brethren at what price do we value our own soais? At what estimation do you recon the soul of your fellow man? Did Jesus, our Lord, say preach to him? Yes, we can send a preacher.

We urge that each minister who has a pastorate of a church or churches in this associating preach at the least two inspirational sermons, seeing forth "The Missionary Spirit of Christ."

Respectfully submitted,

O. G. MAY.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A missionary is one sent to rescue those i nperil. It is the Divine purpose that all men may know God, and that all men who believe Him to keep His word shall have eternal life.

The ungodly are in the jeopardy of eternal death but Jesus Christ giveth life and immortality by the gospel. The scripture saith, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." How, then, shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in whom they have not

heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" If am 10:13-15.

In Matt. 28:18-30, Jesus said, "All power is given me in heaven and in earth. Go y therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of he Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded your and lo. I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Now in this last passage we have the possitive command to be missionaries, both home and foreign. Jesus had come to earth and reveal d God to men, and by His death and resurrection had made life and immortality possible, and as he was ready to bless His disciples and depart into His glory in heaven, He gave this last commandment.

The scripture also tells us that, "He that saith I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." I. John 2:1. We judge by their saying that they do not believe in giving the gospel to all the world, which requires foreign missions, that Southern Baptists have a lot of lying hypocrites, who make an empty profession.

We are very grateful to God for the great prosperity of our Foreign Mission work. Our missionaries are now reaping a harvest of souls unto our Savior, Jesus Christ that fills our hearts with gladness.

We here give you a brief statement of our work last year:
Our Foreign Mission Board reported to the Southern Baptist
Convention at Hot Springs, that for the first time in ten years, we
were out of debt, and that including the Judson Centenial Fund,
Southern Baptie's had given more than a million dollars to Foreign
Missions last year. The contribution to current funds was 8852,
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churches, 141 which now care entirely for their own work. The
native Christians gave last year on the entire field \$152,974.16 to the
support of their own work.

Our medical missionaries gave 102,271 treatments. The total membership of our foreign missionary churches is 53,629, and our Sunday school work comprises 715 schools with an enrollment of 34,428. We also have 11 theological schools with 302 students. Our Italian schools was closed on account of the war. We have 316 missionaries and 595 unordained native helpers. Our foreign field comprises parts of China, Africa, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Chili. The great world war has now opened to us a

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"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest." Respectfully submitted,

C. T. CARMICHAEL.

### LAYMEN'S WORK.

The Laymen's Work is making great strides throughout the world. The war has given new emphasis to the work. Laymen are having opportunities to carry on their work in many directions moy, most of which have been occasioned by the war. Nundreds of our laymen have enlisted in different departments of war service and are thus being used for God in bearing the good news to thousands of our soldiers at home and abroad. The war has been used as a vehicle to promote the laymen's program in a way that the wisest among us never dreamed of, and it appears now that the Gospel will be preached to the whole world in this generation as was originally planned by the few laymen who began this worldwide movement. The Board has in our judgment shown great wisdom in combining in our state the budget work and the Laymen's work. Bro. N. T. Tull, known as the "Budgett Man" is donig excellent work in executing the Board's plans for the work.

One of the most fruitful results of the work is enlisting our laymen and leading them to systematic giving. It is educational in its advantages.

We heartily recommend that every church in our association adopt the Budgett System, and give their best effort in carrying it out in detail.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM H. POPE.

### REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

During the past year God has laid His hand on some of our members, calling them to a higher home, where there is no troubles nor doubts and fears.

We respect their memories and offer our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

« Deaths are as follows:

Morgan Town-Sisters Luda Graham and Hattie Beard.

Kokomo-Sister M. S. Turnage.

New Hope-Sisters T. J. Turnage and Susie Grimsley.

White Bluff-Bro Oscar Boyd.

Shiloh—Bro S. D. Pittman.

Little River—Mrs. Jennie Ford.
Respectfully submitted

Goss—A. E. Hitt. S. S. BAGGETT.

### PEACL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, recommend the following place for next session: Olch, Mississippi. Time for meeting Wednesday before third Sunday in September, 1919.

Associational Sermon-L. H. Harper. Alternate-Rev. J. L. Watts, Jr. Peports to be presented by the following brethren: Fireign Missions-Rev. J. L. Watts, Jr. Home Missions-Bro. W. L. Simmons. State Missions-Prof. W. Jacobs. Sunday Schools-Miss Jennie Watts. Christian Education-Rev. H. C. Clark. Ministerial Education-Bro. A. S. Forbes. Payoral Support-Bro. E. R. Applewhite. Layman's Missionary Movement-Bro. E. I. Watts. Publications-Bro. J. T. Graham. Baptist Hospital-Bro. Alvin Lott, Woman's Work-Mrs. A. H. Ball. Church Discipline-Bro. J. T. McNeese. Prohibition-Bro. J. O. Morris. Orphanage-Bro. E. J. Pittman.

Obituaries—Bro. W. H. Hunt.
Respectfully submitted, W. M. BOSTICK.
Chairman.

Bunker Hill—Rev. T. D. Cox, Columbia, Miss. Rev. L. H. Harper, Columbia, Miss.

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Columbia-W. M. Bostick,

White Bluff-C. T. Carmichael, White Bluff, Miss.

### PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### A PROTEST BY PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

. Whereas the War Department of the United States has issued an order decreeing that all comp pasters of the various cantonsients shall be removed within ninety days:

We, the Pearl River Baptist Association, of Marion county, Mississippi, believing this to be a violation of the spirt of the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, namely: "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or of prohibiting the free exercise thereof," etc., and feeling that the War Department of the United States had not duly considered the distressing effect this order will have upon the cooperative religious work engaged in by our people and other religious interests of our soldiers in training:

Thus Resolve, That we ask the War Department to seriously reconsider this order and pray that our camp pastors be restored to their respective work, having the recognition of the government in all cantonments.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to His Exelency. Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States, a copy be sent to the War Department and that a copy be sent to the Baptist Record for publication. Submitted,

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